CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

E21C MINING OR QUARRYING

NOTES

- 1. This subclass covers methods or apparatus specific to mining or quarrying
- 2. This subclass <u>does not cover</u>, even though they may be disclosed only for mining or quarrying, drill bits, bore reamers, core taking devices, drilling pipes or rods, handling, racking or connecting arrangements for drilling pipes or rods, counterboring or enlarging drilled holes, flame drilling, or other drilling apparatus, which are covered by subclass E21B

WARNING

The following IPC groups are not used in the CPC scheme. Subject matter covered by these groups is classified in the following CPC groups:

following CPC groups:		
E21B 3/02	covered by	E21B 3/02
E21B 3/035	covered by	E21B 3/035
E21B 3/025	covered by	E21B 3/025
E21B 3/03	covered by	E21B 3/03
E21B 6/00	covered by	E21B 6/00
E21C3/08	covered by	B25D 9/06, B25D15/00
E21C3/10	covered by	B25D15/02
E21C3/12	covered by	B25D 11/00
E21C3/14	covered by	B25D 11/00
E21C3/20	covered by	B25D 9/12
E21C3/22	covered by	B25D 9/125
B25D11/005	covered by	B25D 9/265
E21C3/34	covered by	B25D 17/08
E21B 19/081	covered by	E21B 19/081
E21B 19/083	covered by	E21B 19/083
E21B 19/084	covered by	E21B 19/084
E21B 19/089	covered by	E21B 19/089
E21B 44/08	covered by	E21B 44/08
E21B 44/00	covered by	E21B 44/00
E21B 21/14	covered by	E21B 21/14
E21B 7/02	covered by	E21B 7/02
E21C 37/24	covered by	<u>B25D</u>
E21C 37/26	covered by	<u>B25D</u>
E21C 41/18	covered by	E21C 41/16
E21C 41/20	covered by	E21C 41/16
E21C 41/22	covered by	E21C 41/16
E21C 41/24	covered by	E21C 41/16
E21C 41/28	covered by	E21C 41/26
E21C 41/30	covered by	E21C 41/26
E21C 45/02	covered by	E21C 25/60, E21C 45/00
E21C 45/04	covered by	E21C 25/60, E21C 45/00
E21C 45/06	covered by	E21C 25/60, E21C 45/00
E21C 45/08	covered by	E21C 25/60, E21C 45/00
E21C 50/00	covered by	E02F 3/88
E21C 50/02	covered by	E02F 3/88

Drilling machines

3/02

1/00 {Rotary-drilling machines (rotary-drilling machines in general <u>B23B</u>; rotary earth drilling <u>E21B 3/00</u>; driving of shafts, galleries or tunnels <u>E21D</u> not used, <u>see</u> subgroup and <u>E21B 3/00</u>)}

1/10 • {with a built-in feeding device (feeding devices E21C 5/00)}

3/00 {Drilling machines with reciprocating tool that is intermittently turned when out of contact with the working face (portable percussion tools in general B25D)}

{Machines in which the tool is connected to an impulse member}

- 3/04 {Hammer drilling machines in which the tool is hit by an impulse member}
- 3/06 {Means for driving the impulse member (not used, see subgroups and B25D)}
- 3/16 • {by electromagnets}
- 3/18 . . {directly by a piston of an internal-combustion engine}
- 3/24 . { directly by air, steam, or gas pressure}
- 3/26 • {working with pulses}

Details of drilling apparatus

5/00 {Devices for feeding tool to working face (feeding devices for metal-boring machines $\underline{B23B}$ not used, \underline{see} subgroups and $\underline{E21B}$ 19/08)}

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Details of drilling apparatus **E21C**

5/08	• {Means for driving feed mechanism (not used, see subgroups and $\underline{\text{E21B 19/08}}$)}	25/52	 Machines incorporating two or more of the slitting means according to groups <u>E21C 25/02</u>,
5/10	 {Separate motor, e.g. compressed-air motor or cylinder} 		<u>E21C 25/06, E21C 25/16, E21C 25/20</u> and <u>E21C 25/22</u>
7/00	{Dust eliminating or dust removing while drilling (see also E21B 21/00; equipment for preventing the formation of dust by slitting or dislodging machines E21C 35/22; by foam E21B 21/14; exhausting dust	25/54	 Slitting by unguided cutter cables or cutter chains, or by unguided tools drawn along the working face by cables or the like (dislodging by planing means <u>E21C 27/32</u>; propulsion by haulage cables <u>E21C 29/14</u>)
7/04	 from mines E21F 5/20)} {using exhaust air from the drill motor for blowing-off the dust} 	25/56	Slitting by cutter cables or cutter chains or by tools drawn along the working face by cables or the
7/08	• {by liquids}		like, in each case guided parallel to the face, e.g.
7/10	(by inquites)(Liquid flushing installations)		by a conveyor, by a guide parallel to a conveyor
7/12	• {Preventing exhaust air from the drill motor from	25/50	(pressing the conveyor equipped with tools towards the working face E21C 35/14)
	blowing-off towards the working face}	25/58	• Machines slitting by drilling hole on hole
11/00	{Supports or guides for drilling machines; Columns to which the machine is clamped (feed legs E21C5/11 ; slitting machines mounted on supports <u>E21C 25/64</u> ; guiding, slitting, or dislodging	25/60	 Slitting by jets of water or other liquid (picks with arrangements of fluid-spraying nozzles <u>E21C 35/187</u>; distribution of spraying fluids in rotating cutter-heads <u>E21C 35/23</u>)
a w an	machines <u>E21C 35/08</u>)}	25/62	 Machines for making slits approximately perpendicular to the seams either level with, or above or below the level of, the machine
<u>Cutting, Slit</u>	ting, Dislodging	25/64	Slitting machines guided solely by hand and either
25/00	Cutting machines, i.e. for making slits approximately parallel or perpendicular to the	25/01	carried by hand or mounted on supports (supports or guides for drilling machines <u>E21C 11/00</u> ; hand-held
	seam (dislodging machines with slitting means E21C 27/02, E21C 27/10, E21C 27/18)	25/66	power-operated tools E21C 37/22)
25/02	. Machines slitting solely by one or more percussive	25/66	Machines for making slits with additional arrangements for drilling
25/04	tools moved through the seam	25/68	Machines for making slits combined with
25/04	Cutting crowns or other tools (percussion drill bits E21B 10/36)		equipment for removing, e.g. by loading, material won by other means (slitting machines combined
25/06	 Machines slitting solely by one or more cutting rods or cutting drums which rotate, move through the seam, and may or may not reciprocate 		with planing means <u>E21C 27/18</u> ; removing chippings <u>E21C 35/20</u>)
25/08	Mountings for the rods or drums	27/00	Machines which completely free the mineral from
25/10	Rods; Drums		the seam
25/14	with equipment for cleaning the slit (associated)	27/01	 specially adapted for removing overhanging coal
25/145	with cutter chain machines E21C 25/50) {Cowls}	27/02	• solely by slitting (rods, drums, for same <u>E21C 25/10</u> ; saws, discs, wheels <u>E21C 25/18</u> ;
25/16	Machines slitting solely by one or more rotating		chains, chain guides, for same <u>E21C 25/28</u>)
25/18	saws, cutting discs, or wheels Saws; Discs; Wheels	27/04	 by a single chain guided on a frame with or without auxiliary slitting means
25/20	 Machines slitting solely by one or more 	27/06	with a slewing frame
23/20	reciprocating sawing implements or reciprocating cutter chains; Shaker conveyors with cutting means	27/08	• • with additional means for cutting the mineral into blocks
25/22	Machines slitting solely by one or more cutter	27/10	 by both slitting and breaking-down
25/24	chains moving unidirectionally along jibs • with flat jibs only	27/12	• • breaking-down effected by acting on the vertical face of the mineral, e.g. by percussive tools
		27/122	• • • { with breaking-down members having a
25/26 25/28	with curved jibs only		striking action}
	. Chain guides	27/124	• • • { with rotatable cutters provided with breaking-
25/30	Chain guides		down members}
25/32 25/34	specially adapted for curved jibs Chains	27/126	• • • {with slitting and breaking-down members
			situated in parallel on an intermediary level}
25/36 25/365	Couplings for links	27/128	{with breaking-down members functioning on
23/303	 (allowing the bending into at least two planes (chains for conveyors which are allowed to bend into at least two planes 	27/14	the slitting level }breaking-down effected by force or pressure applied to side of slit, e.g. by wedges (breaking-
	<u>B65G 17/385</u>)}		down by means inserted in boreholes
25/40	having links with integrally formed picks		E21C 37/00)
25/50	• • with equipment for cleaning the slit (associated	27/16	with means for both slitting and breaking-down
	with rotary-rod or rotary-drum machines	27/18	 by both slitting and planing
	<u>E21C 25/14</u>)	27/20	Mineral freed by means not involving slitting

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27/22	by rotary drills with breaking-down means, e.g. wedge-shaped drills, {i.e. the rotary axis of the	31/00	Driving means incorporated in machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the
	tool carrier being substantially perpendicular to		
	the working face, e.g. MARIETTA-type (similar	31/02	for outting or breeking down devices
	machines for tunneling E21D 9/102)}	31/025	for cutting or breaking-down devices
27/24	by milling means acting on the full working		• • {by another slitting or extracting member}
21/24	face, {i.e. the rotary axis of the tool carrier being	31/04	imparting both a rotary and reciprocating motion
	substantially parallel to the working face (similar	31/06	actuated by an endless cable or chain
	machines for tunneling E21D 9/1026)}	31/08	 for adjusting parts of the machines
27/26	by closely adjacent cutter chains acting on the full	31/10	 for slewing parts of the machines
27/20	working face	31/12	• Component parts
27/28	• by percussive drills with breaking-down means,	33/00	Trucks or other devices for transporting machines
27720	e.g. wedge-shaped tools	33/00	for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from
27/30	 by jaws, buckets or scoops that scoop-out the 		the seam
_,,,,,	mineral	33/02	. with equipment for loading or unloading the
27/32	by adjustable or non-adjustable planing means		machine on to or from the truck
21132	with or without loading arrangements (by	33/025	• • {the unloaded machine remaining connected to
	percussed planing means E21C 27/46)	33/023	the transport vehicle}
27/34	Machine propelled along the working face by		the transport venicle)
21/34	cable or chain	35/00	Miscellaneous items relating to machines for
27/35	Ram-ploughs		slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the
27/36	Machine self-propelled along the working face		seam
		35/02	 Locking equipment for slewable parts
27/38	Machine stationary while planing in an arc	35/04	Safety devices (operating in the event of breakage
27/40	Machine and its planing tool making alternative		of a haulage cable or chain E21C 29/20)
	step-wise movements along the working face	35/043	• • {Protection against overload during transfer of
27/42	combined with scraper or collector box		machines for slitting or completely freeing the
27/44	• • Planing knives (mining picks <u>E21C 35/18</u>)		mineral from the seam}
27/46	by percussed planing means	35/046	• • {Protection of cables or pipes for supplying
29/00	Propulsion of machines for slitting or completely		power}
	freeing the mineral from the seam	35/06	 Equipment for positioning the whole machine in
29/02	 by means on the machine exerting a thrust against 		relation to its substructure
	fixed supports	35/08	Guiding the machine
29/04	 by cable or chains 	35/10	by feelers contacting the working face
29/06	• anchored at one or both ends to the mine working	35/12	along a conveyor for the cut mineral
25,00	face {(propulsion using fixed racks along which	35/125	{Means for inclining the conveyor}
	the machine is running $E21C 29/02$)	35/14	Equipment for pressing the conveyor towards
29/08	Anchoring arrangements (for anchoring of		the working face
	conveyors only E21F 13/00)	35/16	by making use of the timbering, filling, or other
29/10	Cable or chain co-operating with a winch or the		supports
25,10	like on the machine	35/18	. Mining picks; Holders therefor (planing knives
29/12	Machines propelled by thrust or pull against a		E21C 27/44; {pick-like bits for milling stone like
>,1	part alternately anchored to and released from a		materials <u>B28D 1/186</u> })
	cable or chain	2035/1803	{Inserts or layers of wear-resistant material}
29/14	by haulage cable or chain pulling the machine	2035/1806	{Fixing methods or devices}
25/11	along the working face	2035/1809	• • {Multiple inserts}
29/145	{Means for tensioning the haulage chains or		{Chemical composition or specific material}
25/113	cables}		{characterised by the shape}
29/16	Winches or other means for pulling cable or		• • {Reversible picks, i.e. having two working ends,
25/10	chain (winches in general B66D)	2033/162	one operating, the other in reserve}
29/18	Coupling and uncoupling machine to cable or	2025/1922	 • {using a locking piston actuated hydraulically,
27/10	chain	2035/1823	e.g. by spraying-fluid pressure}
29/185	• • • { with coupling or uncoupling of the machine	2025/1926	
27/103	at will}	2035/1826	• {characterised by adaptations to use an extraction tool}
29/20	• with safety devices operating in the event of	25/192	•
29/20	breakage of the cable or chain	35/183	with inserts or layers of wear-resistant material
20/22		25/105	{(drill bits with wear-resistant parts E21B 10/46)}
29/22	by wheels, endless tracks or the like { (propulsion using fixed racks along which the machine is	35/187	• with arrangement of fluid-spraying nozzles
	using fixed racks along which the machine is	05/10	(supply of fluid to the nozzles <u>E21C 35/22</u>)
20/24	running E21C 29/02)}	35/19	Means for fixing picks or holders
29/24	. Trucks carrying the machine while working	2035/191	• • · · {for fixing holders}
29/26	• • • with means for adjustably positioning the	35/193	using bolts as main fixing elements
20/20	machine on the truck	35/1933	• • • { the picks having a cylindrical shank }
29/28	• • • adjusting the height of the whole machine	35/1936	• • • • {the picks having a square- or rectangular-
			section shank}

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35/197	• • • using sleeves, rings or the like, as main fixing elements	therefor (me	mining or quarrying; Open-pit mining; Layouts ethods or apparatus for obtaining oil, gas, water, soluble
35/20	 General features of equipment for removal of chippings, e.g. for loading on coveyer 	or meltable r	materials or a slurry of minerals from wells <u>E21B 43/00</u>)
35/22	Equipment for preventing the formation of, or for removal of, dust (removing dust while drilling E21C 7/00; picks with arrangement of fluid-spraying nozzles E21C 35/187)	41/00	Methods of underground or surface mining (E21C 45/00 takes precedence); Lay-outs therefor (for peat E21C 49/00) WARNING
35/223	{Equipment associated with mining machines for sucking dust-laden air from the cutting area, with or without cleaning of the air}		Groups E21C 41/28 - E21C 41/14 are no longer used for classification. Documents are reclassified to groups E21C 41/16, E21C 41/26
2035/226	• • {Control valves for the spraying liquid used in dust suppression systems}		and $\underline{\text{E21C 41/32}}$
35/23	Distribution of spraying-fluids in rotating cutter- heads	41/04 41/10	• {for hard coal}
35/24	Remote control specially adapted for machines for	41/10	 {for oil-bearing deposits} {for other specified minerals, e.g. gold, mercury,
33/24	slitting or completely freeing the mineral (control in		other heavy metals, sulfur, slate; for clay}
	general G05)	41/16	• Methods of underground mining (winning machines
37/00	Other methods or devices for dislodging with or		therefor <u>E21C 25/00</u> - <u>E21C 39/00</u>); Layouts therefor
	without loading (breaking-down by means inserted in slits E21C 27/14)		WARNING
37/005	• {by projectiles}		Group E21C 41/16 is incomplete. See Warning
37/02	by wedges		after <u>E21C 41/00</u>
37/04	 by devices with parts pressed mechanically against the wall of a borehole {or a slit} 	41/18	for brown or hard coal
37/06	 by making use of hydraulic or pneumatic pressure in 	41/20	for rock salt or potash salt
	a borehole	41/22	for ores, e.g. mining placers
37/08	• Devices with pistons, plungers, or the like,	41/24	for oil-bearing deposits
	pressed locally against the wall of the borehole	41/26	• Methods of surface mining (machines for obtaining,
37/10	{(<u>E21C 37/10</u> takes precedence)} • Devices with expanding elastic casings		or the removal of, materials in open-pit mines <u>E21C 47/00</u>); Layouts therefor
37/10	by injecting into the borehole a liquid, either		
37/12	initially at high pressure or subsequently		WARNING Group E21C 41/26 is incomplete. See Warning
	subjected to high pressure, e.g. by pulses, by explosive cartridges acting on the liquid		after <u>E21C 41/00</u>
	(slitting by jets of water <u>E21C 25/60</u> ; blasting by	41/28	for brown or bond cool
	explosives <u>F42D</u>)	41/28	for brown or hard coalfor ores, e.g. mining placers
37/14	• by compressed air; by gas blast; by gasifying	41/31	• • (for oil-bearing deposits)
27/16	liquids	41/32	Reclamation of surface-mined areas (machines or
37/16	 by fire-setting or by similar methods based on a heat effect (drilling by use of heat E21B 7/14) 		methods for treating or working soil for agricultural
37/18	 by electricity 		purposes <u>A01B 77/00</u> , <u>A01B 79/00</u> ; machines for
37/20	• by ultrasonics		back-filling E02F 5/22)
37/22	Hand tools or hand-held power-operated tools		WARNING
	specially adapted for dislodging minerals (slitting machines guided solely by hand <u>E21C 25/64</u>)		Group E21C 41/32 is incomplete, see other groups of E21C 41/00
37/24	• Pick hammers (pneumatic hammers in general <u>B25D</u> ; percussion drilling <u>E21B 1/00</u>)	43/00	{Methods for preparing for the gasification of coal
37/26	. Chisels or other cutting tools not mentioned before		underground (methods for generating gas <u>C10B</u>)}
39/00	Devices for testing <u>in situ</u> the hardness or other properties of minerals, e.g. for giving information	45/00	Methods of hydraulic mining; Hydraulic monitors (E21C 25/60 takes precedence)
	as to the selection of suitable mining tools	45/02	Means for generating pulsating fluid jets
		45/04	by use of highly pressurised liquid
		45/06	by use of compressed gases
		45/08	• Automatic or remote control of hydraulic monitors
		47/00	Machines for obtaining or the removal of materials in open pit mines (obtaining post F21C 40/00)
		47/02	 in open-pit mines (obtaining peat <u>E21C 49/00</u>) for coal, brown coal, or the like (dredgers or soilshifting machines in general <u>E02F</u>)

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47/04

. . Conveyor bridges used in co-operation with the

winning apparatus

47/06	• Cableway conveyors used in co-operation with the winning apparatus (underground hauling E21F 13/00)
47/08	• Devices for cutting-out partings, e.g. layers of sand between seams of coal
47/10	• for quarrying stone, sand, gravel, or clay
49/00	Obtaining peat; Machines therefor (treating peat C10F)
49/02	 by excavating
49/04	 by digging in the form of peat sods
50/00	Obtaining minerals from underwater, not otherwise provided for (suction dredgers or component parts thereof <u>E02F 3/88</u> ; equipment for conveying or separating excavated material <u>E02F 7/00</u> ; dippers <u>G01N 1/12</u>)
50/02	 dependent on the ship movements (vessels or floating structures adapted for special purposes B63B 35/00)

51/00 Apparatus for, or methods of, winning materials from extraterrestrial sources (cosmonautics <u>B64G</u>)

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